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Cup Handling Subsystem for an Automated Clinical Chemistry Analyzer System

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

N/6 Page 1, line 6, before "This" insert the following paragraph - This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/099,739, filed June 18, 1998. -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 36 through 58 and 60.